

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 and 5 were examined in the Final Office Action mailed September 28, 2007. The following rejections are currently pending:

- Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for reciting “a called subscriber number” in both line 4 and line 7.
- Claims 1, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-238259 ("Ono").

The Applicants have amended the claims to address the § 112 issue and to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter by cancelling claims 1 and 4-5 without prejudice to the subject matter therein, and adding new claims 8-12. The Applicants submit that these amendments have rendered the pending § 112 rejection moot.

As to the rejection based on the Ono reference, this rejection is respectfully traversed on the ground that Ono does not disclose or suggest all of the features of the present invention recited in the amended claims.

The Ono reference discloses that the URL for the desired Web page is returned to the calling party via an *e-mail*. Ono ¶ [0025] (“... returns the electronic mail which indicated URL of the homepage ...”).

In contrast, in the present invention as recited in claim 8, the call issuing terminal does not receive e-mail; rather the switching means in the switching system receives a URL and outputs a connection request to connect the call to a Web page. Claim 8 (“switching means provided in the switching system for receiving said Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and outputting a connection

request to connect the call to the Web page”; claim 9 similar); *see also* present Figs. 4-5 (communication of URL through mobile multimedia switching (“MMS”) system components). With the approach of the present invention, a user is provided the ability to access a Web page by simply placing a call, without having to perform multiple intermediate steps (such as accessing an e-mail and responding to its content); indeed, the present invention operates in such a transparent manner from the user’s perspective, the user need not be concerned with, or even aware of, the content of the URL.

Because the Ono reference does not disclose all of the features of the present invention recited in independent claims 8 and 9, these claims and their respective dependent claims 10-12 are patentable over Ono under § 102(e). Accordingly, withdrawal of the pending § 102(e) rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8-12 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for these claims is respectfully requested.

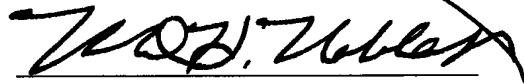
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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